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THE MATTER WITH SEATTLE. What is the matter with Seattle? Why these frantic exclamations of the Times that "Seattle's back is to the wall" and that the question of the sound must "fight or die," that foreign trade has fallen off \$125,000,000 in a year, that the port has dropped from second to tenth place in volume of foreign trade, and that the public service which threatens the city with bankruptcy?

DR. KINNEY AND ASTORIA. The retirement of Dr. Alfred Kinney from the port of Astoria commission calls forth a chorus of acclamation from the newspapers and the people for the conspicuous service rendered by him to the public during the 30 odd years of his residence in the thriving city on the lower Columbia, at the gate of opportunity. He has taken the leadership in all affairs of common concern, and it is recalled, too, that he was at the forefront in the campaign for good roads leading to construction of the highway from Portland to the sea. It would be difficult to find any civic enterprise with which Dr. Kinney has not been connected, meaning employment of his time, his labor and his money. He is a rare citizen, and Astoria is proud of him.

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cause to envy. Its shipyards will again become active when the passing of radicalism restores confidence among their owners. Portland is in no position to assume an air of superiority over Seattle. It has been guilty of similar follies, though in a far less degree. Only a few years ago we narrowly escaped electing as mayor a man who proposed a municipal lighting plant, and determined resistance alone defeated plans to drive the street railway company into bankruptcy in order to introduce municipal ownership. In the name of public welfare the city and state have been guilty of enterprises which could far better have been left to private agency and which have swollen the total of taxes to burdensome proportions.

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REMARKS BY NORTHWEST PRESS. Chas. Membership, Large Families and Other Topics Discussed. The Dalles Chronicle. A lot of us aren't church members. We may be religious at heart. We may seek to exalt the good and crush the evil. When we do not line up with some church, are we consistent? Are we just loafing? Think it over. Consider that for every four persons who are affiliated with some church there are six who are non-church members. Who is carrying the load?

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More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague. LA BELLE DAME SANS MERCI. If Keats had written it with as eye to substance as some poets do, I met a lady on the plains—Bonanza Barney's only child—She aimed two bullets at my heart But both went wild.

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